

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Bureau of Labor Statistics****Proposed Collection; Comment Request****ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the "Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement."

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

addressee section below on or before August 25, 1997.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Karin G. Kurz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kurz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

BLS enters into Cooperative Agreements with State Employment

Security Agencies (SESAs) annually to provide financial assistance to the SESAs for the production and operation of the following LMI statistical programs: Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, Employment and Wages Report, and Mass Layoff Statistics. The Cooperative Agreement provides the basis for managing the administrative and financial aspects of these programs.

II. Current Action

The collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the SESAs and monitor their financial and programmatic performance, and to adhere to administrative requirements imposed by regulations implementing OMB Circular A-102, as well as other grant-related regulations. The information collected is also used for planning and budgeting at the Federal level and in meeting Federal reporting requirements.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Title: Labor Market Information (LMI) Cooperative Agreement.

OMB Number: 1220-0079.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Collection forms	Number of respondents	Frequency	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total hours
Work Statements	55	1	55	2-6 min	2-6.
BIF (LMI 1A, 1B)	55	1	55	1-6 hrs	55-330.
Quarterly Automated Financial Reports	48	4	192	10-50 min	32-160.
Monthly Automated Financial Reports	48	* 8	384	5-25 min	32-160.
BLS Cooperative Statistics Financial Report (LMI 2A)	7	12	84	1-5 hrs	84-420.
Quarterly Status Report (LMI 2B)	1-30	4	4-120	1 hr	4-120.
Total (Ranges)	1-55	774-890	16-81 min	209-1196.
Totals (Average)	55	832	51 min	703.

* Reports are not received for end-of-quarter months, i.e., December, March, June, and September.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public accord.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 18th day of June, 1987.

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*Chief, Division of Management Systems,
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Record of Examination for Hazardous Conditions

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